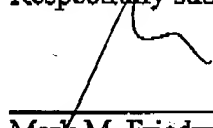


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and will serve to facilitate removal of the solidified premold later" (col. 2, lines 15-18; emphasis added). Belanger, Jr. (US 4,721,543) is clearly teaching a method in which no permanent bonding is desired between the two elements and therefore the releasing agent is applied over the entirety of an area. The Applicant respectfully submits that the context in which Belanger, Jr. teaches the use of a releasing agent is so removed from the problem solved by the present invention that one familiar with Feygin would not be expected to turn Belanger, Jr. for a solution to the issue of joining two layers, specific portions of which are permanently bonded together while other portions are not bonded at all. Further, the applicator (sprayer 36) of Belanger, Jr. is unsuited for use in combination with Feygin such that one of ordinary skill in the art would not be expected to modify the apparatus of Feygin to include the applicator of Belanger, Jr.

The Appellant, therefore, submits that the § 103(a) rejections are improper and respectfully requests that these rejections be overturned by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

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